PRESIDENT : It will be a fatal mistake to locate tuberculosis hospitals except in places having very dry climate. For instance, locating a tuberculosis hospital in Shertallai or Alleppey would only accentuate the tubercular statistics. That is why in the whole of India for instance, there are only 5 or 6 tuberculosis hospitals, one in Darjeeling, one in Madanapally, one in Lonavia etc. I fully realise that Government have a great responsibility in this matter and that even if it comes to having hospitals with 500 or 1,000 beds they will do so and I may alse state that it is really part of Government's programme to increase the number of beds in these hospitals. But there is one limiting factor namely that in these hospitals the treatment depends more upon rest and a good diet in a dry climate than on diagnosis and intensive treatment. This treatment can be given in one or two limited places only ; Nagercoil was considered the best place in the whole State. I think orders have been issued to have an increase in the number of beds to 200, and honourable members will take it from me that as soon as possible that programme will be put through.

Another aspect was mentioned. There are many appliances and apparatus that are necessary without which tuberculosis hospitals would be worse than useless. We are not surely giving the best treatment that we ought to give to these people because of the lack of certain facilities that we cannot get owing to the war.

Admission to the Medical Colleges.

37 ✻ **MR. V. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement showing the number of students selected for admission to the medical colleges outside Travancore since the year 1116.

DR. S. JOHN: The time and labour involved in the compilation of these statistics are disproportionate to the benefits derivable.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : മെഡിക്കൽ കാളേജുകളിൽ ഫ ഫ ന്നു, ഫ ഫ ഒ, ഫ ഫ വ്വ, ഫ ഫ ൻ, ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ ഈ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ എത്രപേരെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഓരോ വർഷത്തിലേയും കണക്കുകൾ പ്രത്യേകം പ്രത്യേകമായി പറയുവാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ–ാമാണ്ട് എത്ര ആളുകളെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട് എന്ന് പറയാമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഫ ഫ ഠ ഠ –ൽ ആറുപേരെ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : അവരെ ഏതെല്ലാം കാളേജുകളിലാണ് അയച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്?

DR. S. JOHN : നാല് പേരെ മദ്രാസിലും രണ്ടുപേരെ കൽക്കട്ടയിലും അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

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MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഇപ്പോൾ ഡാക്ടർമാർ ആവശ്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം ഇല്ലാതെയിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറ വളരെ വിഷമിക്കുന്നില്ലേ?

DR. S. JOHN : ഇപ്പോൾ വാർട്ടെം ആയിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ആവശ്യത്തിനു വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം ഡാക്ടർമാരെ കിട്ടുകയില്ല.

MR K. R. NARAYANAN: വാർസവീസിൽ പോയിരിക്കുന്ന ഡാക്ടർമാരുടെ നമ്പർ എത്ര എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. S. JOHN : അൻപത്തുപേർ പോയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN : ഇതിൽ അധികംപേരും വാർ തീർന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞാൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനു പുറമേ പോകുമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കാവുന്നതല്ലേ?

Burning Ghat for the Hindus near Ulloor Temple.

38 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether representations have not been made to the Government to the effect that the burning ghat for the caste Hindus near Ulloor temple is injurious to the public health in the locality and that it should be removed from there ; and

(*b*) what action has been taken on those representations ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI (*Director of Public Health*) : (*a*) Yes, there was a representation.

(*b*) It was rejected as after enquiry the complaints were found to be groundless.

Punja cultivation in Vaikom and Kottayam.

39. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether it will not be cheaper if electric current is supplied for pumping out water from the punja lakes in Vaikom and Kottayam taluks in the place of oil engines now used for the purpose ?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN (*Ag. Electrical Engineer to Government*) : Yes. It will be cheaper to use electricity for dewatering the punja fields in the Vembanad reclamation area.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know from the member whether any additional provision has been made in the next year's Budget for de-watering more of Punja lands ?

MR. P. JOSEPH JOHN : Yes. We are proposing to extend the line by 10 miles.

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